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AMENDED CLAIMS (received by the International Bureau on 10 May 2000 (10.05.00); original claims 1-44 replaced by new claims 1-51 (7 pages)]

- A container adapted to contain a water based or solvent based formulation, the container including
 - an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface of the container, wherein the anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation.
- to claim 1, wherein the anti-skinning layer A contained according 2 maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of substantially 10 solvent based formulation retained on the anti-skinning the water or layer.
- A container according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which the anti-skinning 3 layer is textured. 15
 - A container according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the anti-4 skinning layer is polious, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.
- A container according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in which the anti-5 20 skinning layer additionally has insulative properties.
 - A container according to any one of claims 1 to 5 in which the anti-6 skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the internal surface of the container.
 - A container according to any one of claims 1 to 6 in which the antiskinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of the container.

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8	В	A container according to any one of claims 1 to 7 in which the
	_	container is adapted to contain approximately 10 ml to 50,000 litres
		of formulation.
5	9	A container according to any one of claims 1 to 8 in which the water
		based or solvent based formulation is a formulation prone to skinning.
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	10	A container according to claim 9 in which the formulation prone to
		skinning is a latex based paint, an alkyd paint, a flat, a satin, a semi-
0		gloss or a gloss paint, a varnish, a lacquer, a glue or resin such as
		PVA™, a resin emulsion or a water based ink.
	11	A container adapted to contain a water based or solvent based
•		formulation, including
15		a container sealing means including an anti-skinning layer
		located on at least a portion of the internal surface of the
-		sealing means, wherein the anti-skinning layer is capable of
		retaining a layer of the formulation.
20	12	A container according to claim 11 wherein the anti-skinning layer
		substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of
		the water or solvent based formulation retained on the anti-skinning
		layer.
	•	10 in 10 in which the anti
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		skinning layer substantially covers the internal surface of the sealing
		means.
		A container according to any one of claims 11 to 13 in which the
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30		anti-skinning layer is textured.
		A container according to any one of claim 11 to 14, in which the ant
	15	A container according to any pro-
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skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.

A container containing according to any one of claims 11 to 15 in which the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.

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- 17 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 16 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the container sealing means.
- 10 18 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 17 in which the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of the container.
- 19 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 18 in which the container is adapted to contain approximately 10 ml to 50,000 litres of formulation.
 - 20 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 19 in which the sealing means is a resealable lid.
 - 21 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 20 in which the water based or solvent based formulation is prone to skinning.
- 22 A container according to claim 21 in which the formulation prone to skinning is a latex based paint, an alkyd paint, a flat, a satin, a semi-gloss or a gloss paint, a varnish, a lacquer, a glue or resin such as PVA^M, a resin emulsion or a water based ink.
- A container according to any one of claims 11 to 22, in which the container includes a second anti-skinning layer extending about at least a portion of the internal surface of the container and the formulation.

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٠	24	A container according to claim 23, in which the second anti-skinning
	1	layer is located between the circumferential lip of the container and
		the formulation.
5	25	A container according to claim 23 or claim 24 in which the second anti-skinning layer is textured.
10	26	A container according to any one of claims 23 to 25, in which the second anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the internal surface of the container
	27	A container according to any one of claims 23 to 26 in which the
		second anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal
15		surface of the container.
20	28	A container according to any one of claims 23 to 26 in which the second anti-skinning layer is an integrally moulded series of spaced apart concentric ribs integrally moulded into a plastics container between the top of the container proximate the sealing means to at least the formulation level. A container according to claim 28 in which the integrally moulded
	29	A container according to claim 28 in which the integrally interest series of ribs extend from the top of the internal surface of the
25		container proximate to the sealing means substantially to the
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		based formulation, the method including the steps of:
30		- placing the water based or solvent based formulation in a container
		according to any one of claims 1 to 29, and
		- storing or transporting the formulation. AMENDED SHEET (ARTICLE 19)

A sealing means adapted to substantially control skinning of water based or solvent based formulations, in which the sealing means includes an anti-skinning layer, in which the layer/is located on at least a portion of the inner surface of the sealing means, wherein the 5 anti-skinning layer, when in use on a container adapted to contain a water-based or solvent based formulation, is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation. A sealing means according to claim 31 wherein the anti-skinning 32 10 layer substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of the water or solvent based formulation retained on the antiskinning layer. A sealing means according to claim 31or claim 32 in which the anti-33 15 skinning layer is textured. A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 33 in which 34 the anti-skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining. 20 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 34 in which 35 the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties. A sealing means adcording to any one of claims 31 to 35 in which 36 25 the anti-skinning Jayer is approximately 0.001 mm to 5 cm thick. A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 36 in which 37 the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the internal surface of the sealing means. 30

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	38	A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 37 in which
,		the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of
		the sealing means.
	39	A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 38 in which
		the anti-skinning layer covers substantially the entire surface area of
		the internal surface of the sealing means.
	40	A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 39, in which
		the sealing means is a resealable lid.
	41	A container including a sealing means, in which the container is
		adapted to contain a formulation prone to skinning wherein at least a
		portion of the internal surface of the container in proximity with the
		ullage space of the container has a means capable of retaining a laye
		of the formulation.

- A container according to claim 41 wherein said means substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of the layer of formulation retained.
- A container according to claim 41 or claim 42 in which the means is an anti-skinning layer from 0.001 to 5 mm thick.
- 25 44 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 43 in which the anti-skinning layer substantially covers the internal surface of the sealing means.
- A container according to claim 41 or claim 44 in which the antiskinning layer is textured.
 - 46 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 45 in which the

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anti-skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauge or foam lining.

- 47 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 46 in which the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.
- A container according to any one of claims 41 to 47 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered to the internal surface of the sealing means.

A container according to any one of claims 41 to 48, in which the anti-skinning layer is selected from a group consisting of woven or unwoven polyolefin cloth or gauze, artificial grass matting and glass fibre felt.

- A container according to claim 49 wherein the layer is thermally bonded to a plastics sealing means.
- 51 A container according to claim 50 wherein the plastics sealing means is a resealable lid.

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